

:010 15.625 WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act of FY 2001, HR 106-1005, Title 9; 16 U.S.C. 669(b), incorporated into Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, 50 Stat. 917 as amended; 16 U.S.C. 669-669b, 669-669i.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To provide financial and technical assistance to the States under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act for the benefit of a diverse array of wildlife and associated habitats. This includes species that are not hunted or fished, to help fulfill heretofore unmet needs of wildlife within the States.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Formula Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Approved activities include: wildlife conservation, wildlife-associated recreation, and wildlife conservation education.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Participation limited to State fish and wildlife agencies. States must have passed laws for the conservation of wildlife which include a prohibition against diversion of license fees paid by hunters for purposes other than the administration of the State fish and wildlife agency. Also eligible are Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition the States must have an approved comprehensive plan as described by the Appropriations Act.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: Participation limited to State fish and wildlife agencies.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: Notification of desire to participate must be made annually to the Secretary. Costs will be determined in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Section 12.62 (of the common rule) identifies Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: Preapplication Coordination: The standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," must be used for this program. Environmental assessment is required to determine environmental impacts. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 Application Procedure: Grantee must initiate program by submission of satisfactory wildlife conservation and restoration comprehensive plan. Grantee must submit a project application. The form used is furnished by the Service. Documentation required is covered in detail in the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-110.

:093 Award Procedure: The Regional Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service approves or disapproves proposed projects. Regional offices are responsible for notification of grant approval to the grantee by return of a completed grant agreement.

:094 Deadlines: None.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Approximately 15 days.

:096 Appeals: Differences of opinion about the substantiality of proposed projects are considered by qualified representatives of the Service and the State. In the event of continued disagreement, final determination rests with the Secretary of the Interior.

:097 Renewals: Projects are renewed on an annual basis through approval of a grant agreement.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: (1) The Secretary of the Interior shall make the following apportionment from the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account: (A) to the District of Columbia and to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, each a sum equal to not more than one-half of 1 percent thereof. (B) to Guam, American Samoa, the Virginia Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, each a sum equal to not more than one-fourth of 1 percent thereof. (2) (A) The Secretary of the Interior, after making the apportionment under paragraph (a), shall apportion the remaining amount in the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration Account for each fiscal year among the States in the following manner: (i) one-third of which is based on the ratio to which the land area of such State bears to the total land area of all such States; and (ii) two-thirds of which is based on the ratio to which the population of such State bears to the total population of all such States. (B) The amounts apportioned under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be apportioned a sum which is less than 1 percent of the amount available for apportionment under this paragraph for any fiscal year

or more than 5 percent of that amount.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Not applicable.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: A Performance Report is required for each annual segment within 90 days after the end of the segment.

:112 Audits: For awards made under this Program, grantees and subgrantees are responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.) and OMB Circular A-133.

:113 Records: Cost records must be maintained separately for each project. Records, accounts, and supporting documents must be retained for three years after submission of final request for reimbursement.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-5029-0-2-303

:122 Obligations: (Grants) Conservation Grants - FY 01 - \$48,393,300, FY 02 \$0; FY 03 \$0.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: Not available (new program).

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Not Available (new program).

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: 50 CFR 80; Fish and Wildlife Service Manual; Federal Aid in Fish and Wildlife Restoration Annual Report (limited number available at no cost).

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog address appendix.

:152 Headquarters Office: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. Contact: Chief, Division of Federal Aid. Telephone: (703) 358-2156.

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.605, Sport Fish Restoration; 15.608, Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance; 15.611, Wildlife Restoration; 15.615, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation; 15.617, Wildlife Conservation and Appreciation; 15.618, Administrative Grants for Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Not available (new program).

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Projects must be submitted by the State agency having responsibility for management of the State's wildlife resources. The State agency selects those projects that are submitted for funding under the program. Projects are approved if they meet the basic criteria contained in the regulations and the Service Manual.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1450;1470

:330 BENEFICIARIES: 14

:340 FUNCTIONS: PL;QO

:350 CIRCULARS:

:500 PUBLIC LAWS:

:510 STATUTES:

:520 U.S. CODES: 16 U.S.C. 609 et seq., as amended.

:530 MATCHING REQTS: The Federal share of project costs is not to exceed 75 percent.

:540 GRANTS: NA;NA;NA

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: 443;469;491

:570 DEADLINE DATE: Not yet established.

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

- Fish and wildlife
 - diseases, parasites
 - endangered, threatened species
 - evaluation, planning
 - fish conservation
 - fish resource management
 - fisheries information, technical assistance
 - fishery research
 - habitat management
 - hatcheries
 - hunting improvement, safety
 - land acquisition, development
 - recreation fisheries
 - refuges
 - wildlife conservation, management

wildlife information, technical assistance
wildlife research
wildlife restoration
Recreation
fisheries
hunting improvement
Pittman-Robertson (P-R) program

:700 FORMULA NARRATIVE:

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:710 MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURE:

$0.33 \times TOTAL = AREA \ ALLOCATION.$ *State*
 $Area/Total \ U.S. \ Area = Area \ Factor.$ $Area \ Factor \times Area \ Allocation =$
 $Area \ Share.$ $0.67 \times TOTAL = POPULATION \ ALLOCATION.$ *State Population*
 $/Total \ U.S. \ Population = Population \ Factor.$ $Population \ Factor \times$
 $Population \ Allocation = Population \ Share.$
 $Area \ Allocation + Population \ Allocation = Apportionment \ to \ State$
(Not to exceed .05 or less than .01 of Total).
 $Puerto \ Rico \ and \ District \ of \ Columbia = 0.005 \times TOTAL,$
 $Other \ U.S. \ AREAS = 0.0025 \times TOTAL.$

:720 DEFINITIONS:

Total = Total amount apportioned.
State Area = Land and water area of each State including inland waters.
Population = Population estimates in each State.
Total U.S. = Total area or population for all States. Other U.S. =
Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

:730 DATA SOURCE(S):

Element: Land and Water Area of the States. Source and Date: U.S.
Bureau of the Census, Areas of the United States, Statistical

Abstract of the United States - 2000, The National Data Book

Measures: Not applicable.

*Element: Population of States. Source of Data: U. S. Census Bureau figures,
April 11, 2000 (<http://www.census.gov/population/www.cen2000/respop.html>)*

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